

REMARKS

These remarks are set forth in response to the Decision on Appeal dated October 29, 2008 (the "BPAI Decision"). Presently, claims 1 through 20 are pending in the Patent Application. In the BPAI Decision, the Honorable Board affirmed Examiner's rejection of claims 9 through 11, but reversed Examiner's rejection of claims 1 through 8 and 12 through 20. In response, the Applicants have canceled claims 9 through 11. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request an indication of allowance of claims 1 through 8 and 12 through 20 expeditiously. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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